

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application	(
Masahiro NAKAMURA	(Atty. Docket No. 001309.00044
Serial No: 10/629,601	(Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned
Filed: July 30, 2003	((
For: Functional Object Data, Functional Object Imaging System, and Ojbect Data Transmitting Unit, Object Data Receiving Unit and Managing Unit for Use in the Functional Object Imaging System	((((

ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Although large entity fees were paid at the initial filing of this application, Applicant was a small entity at the time the instant application was filed, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, Applicant is entitled to pay small entity fees.

As this statement is not being filed within three months of the date of payment of the application filing fee, it is Applicant's understanding that they are ineligible for a refund of the overpayment. However, if this is incorrect, please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Date: February 9, 2004

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